

# Supervisor Romaine, Councilwomen Kepert and Walsh Attend Opening Ceremony's at the 13th Annual Wheelchair Softball Game

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*Pictured at left are Councilwoman Connie Kepert and wheelchair softball athlete Edy Lopez. Pictured at right are Wheelchair Program Supervisor Jason Soricelli, Councilwoman Kepert, Supervisor Ed Romaine, Deputy Town Clerk Donna Lent and Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh.*

**Farmingville, NY** - On Friday, September 13, 2013, Supervisor Ed Romaine, Councilwoman Connie Kepert, and Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh attended the opening ceremonies for the 13th Annual Wheelchair Softball Tournament. The two-day tournament was sponsored by the Major League Wheelchair Softball Tournament, the New York Mets, Major League Baseball, the Wheelchair Sports Federation, and the Town of Brookhaven and was held at the Brookhaven Wheelchair Softball Field, located next to the Pennysaver Amphitheatre at 55 S. Bicycle Path in Farmingville.

Supervisor Romaine said, "Some of the best athletes that you will ever see were on the field today. Their competitive spirit and sportsmanship is an inspiration to us all and I am proud that the Town of Brookhaven is a sponsor of this annual event."

Councilwoman Kepert advocated for the construction of the wheelchair softball and multi-purpose fields. She is a former Special Education teacher who also organized and ran the Longwood School District's Disability Awareness Week for several years. "These games provide those who are wheelchair bound the opportunity to continue to participate in sports, have fun, and show off their abilities," stated Ms. Kepert. "It is truly inspiring and motivating to see how dedicated these individuals are to the game. I am happy to serve on a Board in a Town that provides recreational opportunities for residents of all abilities."

"Congratulations to the Major League Wheelchair Softball League and the Parks Department for hosting the 13th Annual tournament at the Brookhaven Wheelchair Softball Field. I was honored to be asked to throw out the first pitch. These men are truly amazing athletes. Special thanks to Jason Soricelli, wheelchair program supervisor, for another great event," said Councilwoman Walsh.

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